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CINCUSNAVEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, ENRG, TS, LY

SUBJECT: REPORTED LARG RESUMPTION OF OIL DRILLING IN DIS-
PUTED LIBYAN-TUNISIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF

1. I LEARNED FROM HIGH FOFF SOURCE FEBRUARY 14 THAT GOT IS FUR-
IOUS TO LEARN THAT LARG HAS APPARENTLY AUTHORIZED RESUMPTION OF
OFFSHORE DRILLING IN DISPUTED AREA OF CONTINENTAL SHELF. MY IN-
FORMANT INDICATES DRILLING IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY ITALIAN COMPANY,
PRESUMABLY UNDER CONTRACT TO ELF-AQUITAINE, WHO WE BELIEVE HAS
LIBYAN CONCESSION FOR DISPUTED OIL FIELD.

2. PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA IS REPORTED TO HAVE HELD THIS AS A
VIOLATION OF GOT-LARG UNDERSTANDING (OR TACIT UNDERSTANDING)
THAT NEITHER STATE WOULD PERMIT "UNILATERAL" DRILLING UNTIL BOUN-
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DARY DISPUTE IS RESOLVED. NOUIRA IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ON POINT
OF ORDERING TUNISIAN NAVAL UNITS TO PREVENT SUCH DRILLING WHEN
MORE MODERATE COUNSEL PREVAILED.

3. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE COORDINATES OF ALLEGED DRILLING
SITE; HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROBE FOR FURTHER DATA WHEN
FEASIBLE.

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Message Attributes

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